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SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Anyway, while you're looking, for that section of statistics, you have several statistics there, and you indicate these numbers come from the evaluation of the Nebraska Health and Human Services Tobacco Free Nebraska program. Very briefly, what...what is the Tobacco Free Nebraska program?

SENATOR JENSEN: That is a group who have joined in a coalition to fight tobacco.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: So it's their mission, or the mission statement is to...are they anti-tobacco group? Would you...would you characterize them as an anti-smoking group?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, anti-smoking, certainly. They're health agencies, many of them.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: I wonder if their statistics might be skewed...skewed to support their position.

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, this actually was a study that was set up by Senator Bohlke, LB 1436. This is an evaluation of that program that was done after that, which was a...a...a snapshot, a report from the Tobacco Free Nebraska program that was part of the bill that said that they were to return a...a information to us each year.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: On the Internet sales, you have here, after a 50-cent per pack increase, a California Department of Health Services study, and you go on with some statistics. Do the Department of Health and Services in California benefit from that 50-cent a pack increase?

SENATOR JENSEN: Did they benefit? I don't know where their dollars went.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: On the...you know, I don't understand. You have Internet, military, and out-of-state sales. Was...California...Senator Hartnett spoke earlier about underground cigarettes from Mexico. Was that measured in this